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1. A method for manufacturing a plant support, wherein a box-shaped element is manufactured having an at least partially open wall, the box-shaped element being at least partially covered with a preferably substantially biodegradable covering material, said covering material being provided in such a manner that it covers the partially open wall at least partially, such that the wall becomes soil-proof, while roots of a plant or the like, growing in the pot during use, can grow at least partially through the covering material and the wall to the outside of the plant support, characterized in that as covering material a material is manufactured from biodegradable material.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the box-shaped element is at least substantially manufactured from material having a mesh-shaped structure.

3. A method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the box-shaped element is substantially manufactured from wire material.

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4. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein as covering material, a material is manufactured from natural materials, in particular from at least natural fibers and binding agent.

5. A method according to claim 4, wherein a covering material is used substantially built up from coco fibers and binding agent, in particular latex.

6. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein from the covering material, a sheet-shaped element is taken which is folded into covering of the box-shaped element.

7. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the covering material is secured in the wall of the box-shaped element, in particular woven therein.

8. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein a substantially vertically extending guide element is secured in or to the box-shaped element or formed integrally therewith, said guide element extending

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above the surface of the box-shaped element and, during use, functioning as guide for plants and the like growing in the box-shaped element.

9. A method for cultivating plants and the like, utilizing a plant support manufactured by a method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the box-shaped element is substantially disposed above the ground, such that the outer side of at least a longitudinal wall thereof is free, whereupon the box-shaped element is filled with soil and at least one plant or the like is planted therein, whereupon the or each plant is treated such that root growth occurs, partly extending also through the covering material, such that the ends of a number of roots are located approximately in the outer face of the wall, while after sufficient growth of the plant, the plant support with the or each plant is picked up and moved to another position.
10. A method according to claim 9, wherein the plant support in said other position is secured in or to ground.
11. A method according to claim 10, wherein the plant support is dug in in the ground, such that roots of the or each plant grow outside through the plant support, into the ground, and provide for anchoring and nutrition.
12. A method according to claim 10, wherein the plant support is placed on ground, such that roots of the or each plant can grow through a bottom of the plant support into the ground, for anchoring and nutrition.
13. A method for manufacturing a hedge, wherein a number of plant supports, each comprising at least one substantially vertically extending guide element along which at least one guidable plant is cultivated utilizing a method according to claim 9, are juxtaposed utilizing a method according to claim 10 or 11, for forming a substantially closed, elongated hedge.
14. A method according to claim 13, wherein plants are guided on both sides of the at least one guide element, such that the at least one guide element is substantially entirely enclosed by the plants.
15. A hedge, at least a hedge element, manufactured by a method according to claim 13 or 14.

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16. A plant support, comprising a box element having an at least partially open wall, said wall being substantially covered with a covering material selected so that roots of a plant or the like placed in the plant support can grow through the covering material to the outside of the box-shaped element.
- 5 17. while soil poured into the box-shaped element substantially cannot pass the covering material, characterised in that as covering material a material is used manufactured from biodegradable material.
- 10 17. A plant support according to claim 16, wherein at least the box-shaped element is covered with a covering material which, during use, at least temporarily prevents root growth to the outside of the box-shaped element.
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18. A plant support according to claim 16 or 17, wherein the box-shaped element is covered with the covering material substantially on the inside, said covering material being in particular composed from substantially natural fibers and binding agent and having a relatively open structure.
- 15 19. A plant support according to any one of claims 16-18, wherein a guide element is provided which, during use, can extend substantially vertically and can be connected to the box-shaped element, for guiding plants or the like to be grown in the plant support.
- 20 20. A plant support according to claim 19, suitable and intended for use with a method according to claim 13 or 14 or in a hedge according to claim 15.
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21. A plant support according to claim 19 or 20, wherein the box-shaped element and the guide element are manufactured in one piece, preferably from mesh-shaped material such as woven wire metal.
22. A plant support according to any one of claims 16-20, wherein the plant support is of demountable, or at least modular design.
- 25 23. A plant support according to claim 22, comprising a guide element, wherein at least one box-shaped element is provided which, by means of fasteners, is detachably mountable against the guide element, adjacent the bottom side thereof.
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